[13th August 1929

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer's report has not yet been received.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 2418, Revenue, dated the 15th October 1920, which has been placed at the disposal of the press, and to the answer to question No. 666 given on 26th November 1928.

(*d*) The Government consider that it is unnecessary to place the Board's report on the table as the Government Order contains the substance of the Board's recommendations. The question whether the Chief Engineer's report should be placed on the table will be considered after it is received.

Assessment on the nanja lands in Madurantakam taluk for raising panipayar.

*378 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer of Chingleput taxed the nanja lands in the Madurantakam taluk for raising panipayar about twenty days before the harvest of samba paddy in the months of February and March and if so, why it was collected contrary to the usual practice in the Chingleput district;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop does not require water;

(*c*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop is generally raised for manure;

(*d*) whether the Government is aware that the panipayar crop has not been taxed by the Government previously, particularly in the Chingleput district;

(*e*) whether the Government consider the taxation unjust; and

(*f*) if answer to (*e*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will order the refund of taxes collected in the Madurantakam taluk?

A.—(*a*) to (*f*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Forests

Removal of the bar to promotion in the Ranger's cadre.

*379 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the proposals before them for alleviating the bar to promotion in the Ranger's cadre and the order, if any, passed by the Government thereon?

A.—The Rangers have submitted memorials setting forth their grievances and they are under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member for how long this memorial has been under the consideration of Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"It will be disposed of as early as possible. How long it has been under consideration I am not able to say."